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FOR AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

- 1. I HEAR THAT ON YOUR DECEMBER 17 NEWS INTERVIEW, YOU DREW AN UNFAVORABLE COMPARISON ON THE LATIN AMERICAN VOTES ON ZIONISM AND KOREA.
- 2. ON THE ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE, THE LATIN VOTE WAS 10 AGAINST, 11 ABSTENTIONS AND ONLY 5 FOR, INCLUDING CUBA. THIS IS A MORE POSITIVE RECORD THAN AFRICA, WHICH VOTED 5 AGAINST, 12 ABSTENTIONS AND 23 FOR AND IT COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH WESTERN EUROPE WHICH VOTED 15 AGAINST AND 4 FOR WITH 1 ABSTENTION.
- 3. ON KOREA, THE LATINOS WERE ALSO MORE HELPFUL. SEVENCONFIDENTIAL $\protect\$

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TEEN SUPPORTED OUR RESOLUTION AGAINST 2 NEGATIVES AND 6

ABSTENTIONS. AFRICA PROVIDED US WITH 9 SUPPORTING VOTES AGAINST 25 NAYS AND 5 ABSTENTIONS.

4. MY CLIENTS TEND TO BE SENSITIVE ABOUT THESE THINGS, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT COMES FROM A SOURCE THEY REGARD AS "SIMPATICO" AS YOURSELF. THE LATINS LIKE TO BE PRAISED WHEN THEY DO RELATIVELY WELL FOR US, AND A FAIR NUMBER OF THEM DID, AS YOU SEE. WE WILL NOT STRENGTHEN OUR CHANCES FOR THEIR VOTES IN THE FUTURE IF WE FAIL TO CREDIT THEM FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IN THE PAST. I GRANT YOU THAT THERE WERE SOME INEXCUSABLE EXCEPTIONS, BRAZIL AND MEXICO, PARTICULARLY INCLUDED. BUT THESE WERE SPECIAL CASES, AND THEY ARE PAYING THE PRICE FOR THEIR MISDEEDS. I WOULD NOT LIKE TO HAVE OTHER, TRULY FRIENDLY LATINS ALSO PUNISHED ON THEIR ACCOUNT JUST BECAUSE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF GEOGRAPHY. KISSINGER

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